

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: TOPF

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For: DRILLING DEVICE WITH A MULTIBLADE DRILLING TOOL,  
PARTICULARLY A DEEP DRILLING TOOL

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This response is in reply to an election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 21, 2007, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before September 21, 2007. This response is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued an election of species requirement and asserts that the application contains the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: